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SUBJECT: PRAVDA ATTACK ON BRZEZINSKI'S RECENT TV REMARKS

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SUMMARY. (BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED) MAY 30 PRAVDA CARRIES  
ARTICLE TITLED "TO SHIFT THE BLAME . . .", WHICH IS  
CRITICAL OF BRZEZINSKI'S RECENT TV INTERVIEW REMARKS  
ON SOVIET AND CUBAN RESPONSIBILITY FOR ZAIRE EVENTS.  
END SUMMARY.

1. AUTHOR, V. KORIONOV, FIRST SETS STAGE BY CITING  
MAY 29 NEWSWEEK PIECE ON GENERAL HAIG'S ALLEGED DIRECT  
PARTICIPATION IN CARRYING OUT "INVASION" OF ZAIRE. THE  
PERPETRATORS OF THE INTERVENTION, SAYS KORIONOV, TRY  
TO EVADE THEIR RESPONSIBILITY BY THE "MOST CRUDE DIS-  
TORTION OF THE TRUTH", E.G., BRZEZINSKI'S TV REMARKS  
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ACCUSING THE SOVIET AND CUBAN GOVERNMENTS OF  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR ZAIRE EVENTS.

2. REPEATING BASIC LINE OF MAY 18 TASS STATEMENT ON  
ZAIRE, WHICH DENIED PRESENCE IN ZAIRE OF ARMED SOVIET  
PERSONNEL, KORIONOV GOES ON TO DENY PRESENCE IN ZAIRE  
OF CUBAN SOLDIERS AND MILITARY SPECIALISTS AS WELL.

HE MAINTAINS THIS HAS BEEN ADMITTED BY OFFICIAL SPOKESMEN OF COUNTRIES WHOSE MILITARY UNITS ARE COMMITTING EXCESSES IN ZAIRE AND ALSO BY WASHINGTON.

3. KORIONOV ATTACKS BRZEZINSKI FOR HIS COMMENTS ON SOVIET RESPONSIBILITY FOR SLOWING OF DETENTE, ON SOVIET ATTEMPT TO GAIN DIRECT ACCESS TO INDIAN OCEAN, AND ON SOVIET TROOP CONCENTRATION ALONG SOVIET-PRC BORDER.

4. BRZEZINSKI'S MENTION OF PRC, SAYS KORIONOV, IS NOT ACCIDENTAL, AND INDEED IS PART OF U.S.-PRC "COMMON INTEREST," AS EXEMPLIFIED BY JOINT U.S.-PRC ACTIONS "AGAINST PEOPLE OF ANGOLA, IN SUPPORT OF CHILEAN FASCIST JUNTA, AND IN ASSISTANCE TO THOSE WHO ATTEMPTED TO DISMEMBER ETHIOPIA."

5. KORIONOV STATES THAT BRZEZINSKI'S "FABRICATIONS" REPRESENT EXACTLY THAT "POISONOUS PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN" WHICH HE HAS ACCUSED THE SOVIET UNION OF WAGING. BRZEZINSKI'S TRUE POSITION, SAYS KORIONOV, IS INDICATED BY MOST RECENT AP ACCOUNT OF HIS PRESSURE ON HEW SECRETARY CALIFANO TO CANCEL HIS PLANNED TRIP TO SOVIET UNION. THUS, CONCLUDES KORIONOV, BRZEZINSKI IS REVEALED AS, IN ESSENCE, "AN ENEMY OF DETENTE, AN OPPONENT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION." (END UNCLASSIFIED).

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6. (BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) COMMENT: KORIONOV'S PIECE FOLLOWS MAY 27 PRAVDA ARTICLE CRITICAL OF PRESIDENT'S CHICAGO PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS (REFTEL) AND IS PART OF PATTERN OF SOVIET PROPAGANDA REACTION TO THESE COMMENTS BY U.S. LEADERSHIP. SOVIETS ARE, OF COURSE, LESS RESTRAINED IN THEIR COUNTER-ATTACK ON BRZEZINSKI, WHO HAS BEEN RATHER CONSISTENTLY PORTRAYED BY SOVIET MEDIA AS THE BLACK HAT IN THE U.S. FOREIGN POLICY HIERARCHY. MATLOCK

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